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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Sogard et al.)
Serial No: 09/903,307) Art Unit
Filed: July 11, 2001) 2853
For: STAGE ASSEMBLY HAVING A)
FOLLOWER ASSEMBLY)
Examiner: Lam S. Nguyen)
Attorney Docket: PA0272-US / 11269.30)

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
WITH RCE**

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Sir:

This response is to the Final Office Action dated January 26, 2004. The Applicants respectfully request that this Response be considered after final rejection because the Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith. The Application is believed by the Applicants to be in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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